

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No: 10/622,599

Applicant: Willard E. Ballard

Filed: 07/18/03

Title: CUTTING GUIDE DEVICE FOR
CIRCULAR SAWS

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Included herewith is a separate amendment section to the claims, and a substitute specification with a marked up copy in response to the Examiners' objections and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121. It is noted that the word "thru" is a perfectly good word and probably is the most historically accurate, however to be thru with this matter Applicant is changing its spelling in the specification and claims in accordance with the Examiners wishes.

The amendments to the specification add numerals 51, 52, 54, 55 and 56 in order to clarify the descriptive language with respect to the drawings. No new matter has been added thereby.

Amendments to drawing figures are being made hereby for purposes of clarification by way of a "Replacement Sheet" for figures 1-9, and by "Annotated Marked Up Drawings". No new matter has been added.

In regard to paragraph 3 of the rejection, the specification on page 1, line 2 states that the present guide device can "be affixed to any supporting structure including a workpiece itself". This means, for example, that in the case of some especially long and heavy workpiece such as a rafter which requires an especially difficult angular cut, e.g., 60° or so beyond the vertical, wherein cutting time may not be of the essence but accuracy is, the flanges 28 and 30 can be attached directly to the workpiece as



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SMALL ENTITY

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above application, the
fee for which has been calculated as shown below.

FEE CALCULATION

Total Claims	<u>16</u> - 20	x \$ 9.00	= \$ <u>0</u>
Previously Paid For	<u>20</u>		<u>0</u>
Total Independent			
Claims	<u>2</u> - 3	x \$43.00	= \$ <u>0</u>
Previously Paid For	<u>3</u>		<u>0</u>
Total Fee Due			= \$ <u>0</u>
Payment - Check No.			= \$ <u>0</u>

Respectfully submitted,

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